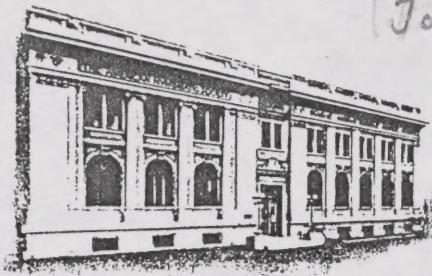


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Dear Eric,

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Who are committee*

We have packed up the seven fake Constellationes Novae and are sending them to you by today's post, so you should have them shortly; presumably about the same time as when you receive this.

The Mexico conference was, on the whole, a success. Johanna and I put up a few exhibits which will be up until January, so you should be able to see them on your next visit to the Society.

Now that the Mexican project is over I can turn my attention to COAC 1991. The title remains a problem, because 'colonial' is, as you remarked, such a loose word; I spoke to Leslie about this, and at the time I was thinking of more lengthy and more elaborate titles, which would be more accurate: "The Coinage and Currency of British North America and of the United States Confederation, 1652-1792"; but Leslie says that if we do not keep it short, it will be made short for us. How about "The Money of ~~Pre-Federal~~ America, 1652-1792"?

Prior to 1793.

The COAC, I think, should be a one day affair, with ten speakers talking for twenty minutes apiece. Any particularly intricate arguments the speakers can discuss in the published papers; in the twenty minute period they will only have time to focus on the highlights, which will be easier on the audience. This will give ten minutes time for a question and answer period.

Who should be the ten speakers? Dick Doty has become very interested in finding out how the New England silver was made, and he was up here looking at some of it last Saturday, and his observations are well worth hearing. We should certainly have him, and he is willing to speak. *He should speak but not just speculate.*

OK
My colleague Alan Stahl has been doing some research on Indian peace medals, some of which he read at the Fédération Internationale de la Médaille conference in Helsinki. There is much interest in colonial Indian peace medals (Alan has just had a request from John Adams for a draft of his paper), and I think his paper would be a useful sidelight on the colonial period.

Besides them, other people I can think of to speak include